

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2007, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by April 4, 2007.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,074,263 to Emerson. Claims 4, 5, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,718,928 to Brueggen et al.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 2, which was canceled. Claim 3 was amended to depend on amended claim 1, rather than claim 2.

Claim 1 now stands in condition for allowance, as do claims 3-9, since each of these claims depends ultimately from claim 1.

In addition, apparatus claim 10 was amended to claim a control unit for *"controlling a method for charging a combustion chamber..."* and to include language from claim 1 and allowable claim 2. Because claim 10 includes subject matter which is allowable, claim 10 as amended is now allowable over the art of record.

In light of the foregoing amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to resolve any remaining matters to place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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